

## PEOPLE ASK LIFE.

Theatre Goers Want Plays That Reveal Real Character.

Humanity Vital to Success of Actors, Says Crane.

## NEW THEATRE MISSES.

Stage Veteran Calls House "Mere Money Maker."

"Father and the Boys" Makes Big Hit Here.

"Just a sort of informal call. Mr. Crane," said a State Journal reporter as he entered the dressing room of the veteran actor after the show at the Grand last night. "The Governor" as he is called by members of his company and host of friends, looked up and smiled. "Take a seat! Take a seat!" replied Mr. Crane as he rubbed his face with a damp towel, in an effort to remove his "makeup."

"Do you know," he continued, applying the towel with vigor, "this town is all right. Our audience to-night was one of the finest I have ever played to. It made me feel good when I saw that sea of heads. An actor always does better work before a large audience that is with him, than before a small indifferent gathering. And do you know the audience this night, was with us from the first curtain to the final drop? Well, it was. It grasped the spirit of the piece in an instant. It understood the hidden meaning of the lines, joined in the comedy phase and made us feel just as if we were in real life and not just on the stage. I tell you it was a great, great. We all want to play this town, soon again."

"Mr. Crane," said the reporter, "after your years of service upon the stage, what would you declare the most vital essential of acting?"

The answer came like a flash in one short crisp sentence. "Humanity is the foundation of stage success."

Humanity is Vital.

"By humanity, I mean the actor's power to leave his real character in his dressing room—when he is ready for his cue, the power to go upon the stage and be absolutely another person. Forgetting everything and everybody in the real world and being in fact the character he is playing," replied Mr. Crane.

To illustrate: if a man is playing Napoleon, he should be a real Napoleon. If he is cast as another character, he should be that character. An actor must do that in order to succeed. In short when he goes upon the stage he must throw away his real personality and be the part he is playing. If I were cast as some great statesman, I should read all I could about him, learn his style of address, his manner of walking, the way he holds his cigar if he smokes—in fact, every little point in his character. It is the little points that reveal the finished actor from the person who merely speaks lines.

"The American people want finished acting and plays with real living characters—plays that have heart interest—plays that unfold the life of a part of our people—plays that take a particular group of American citizens and show them as they are. No play, no matter how beautiful its lines may be, that does not deal with living issues and is not filled with real life can be a success in this day and age."

"What do you think of the New Theatre in New York," asked the reporter.

New Theatre Fails.

"I am very much disappointed with the institution," replied Mr. Crane. "It looks like a failure, because the men who are at the head of it are not carrying out the purpose for which it was erected. When the theatre was first proposed one hundred rich New Yorkers gave \$25,000 each to build it. At that time it was given out that unknown authors and actors would be given a chance to show their merits—in fact it was this promise that induced the donors to give the theatre to give their money. Now as a matter of fact the promise has not been kept. An institution which was built to serve a grand object—the uplift of the stage and the developing of the American drama—has been turned into a mere money maker—a business house."

"The New theatre is unfit to produce real plays in because of its large size. This fact in itself would tend to greatly injure it. I understand that this summer the structure will be made much smaller. I hope that the men who are running it will give up their present style of operation and keep the promise they made: To give unknown authors and actors a show."

"Father and the Boys."

A packed house from gallery to pit greeted Mr. Crane and his company at the Grand last night to witness George Ade's comedy success, "Father and the Boys." The audience was delighted with the production—a play bubbling and sparkling with real life, human interest and comedy that makes the average theatre goer fairly scream with delight.

Mr. Crane as Lemuel Morewood, the

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**15c Hat Pins, 10c**—Made with large jet heads and extra length... **10c**

**15c Fancy Ribbon, 10c**—All silk; 3 inches wide; a good assortment of patterns and colors... **10c**

**39c Tapestry Pillows, 29c**—The patterns are new and are woven in the cloth, ready for use... **29c**

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**5c Towels, 2 for 5c**—Small size hand towels; hemmed ends; a good one for barbers; tomorrow two for... **5c**

**10c Towels, 2 for 25c**—Huck towels, 18x36; hemmed ends; fancy borders or plain white; three for... **25c**

**25c Towels, 15c**—Extra large Turkish towels for the bath; double thread; tomorrow for... **15c**

**50c Sheets, 42c**—Made of good grade of bleached sheeting; have welt seam running through center; large size... **43c**

**85c Hotel Sheets, 69c**—Made of heavy bleached sheeting; are 110 inches long and 90 inches wide, seamless... **69c**

**12½c Pillow Cases, 10c**—Good quality of round thread muslin; have wide hem; 42x36-inch—now... **10c**

**\$1.35 Comforts, 98c**—They are worth more than the quoted value; fancy silkoline covering; filled with soft white cotton... **98c**

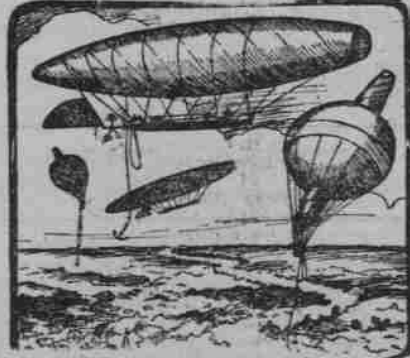
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## SNAP SHOTS



father, and a rich wool broker, is at his very best. His support is great. The comedy is running over with slang and is like a feather—only on the inside. The best feature of the piece is that it is American, truly American in every detail.

Mr. Crane has not appeared in Topeka for seven years. He was last seen here in David Harum, but he has never had a more delightful vehicle. It is the story of a wealthy New York business man who has "got seven miles behind the procession," whose two sons are at least well up in the van. The father finally decided to "catch up" and to use the words of one of his sons, he is soon "seven miles ahead of the procession." It is filled with Adams, refreshing, unexpected bits of humor and rollicking good nature. The audience liked the play so well that there were repeated curtain calls and Mr. Crane made the usual "thank you" talk after the third act.

## CONJURER DROPS DEAD.

Imro Fox Expires Suddenly in Utica Hotel Lobby.

Utica, N. Y., March 4.—Imro Fox, a professional magician and conjurer of national reputation, died suddenly of heart disease while sitting in a chair in the lobby of the Hotel Martin here at 2:30 o'clock this morning. He was 60 years old. Mr. Fox was playing a week's engagement at a local theater. At the close of the performance last night Fox went to his hotel and retired. Shortly after 2 o'clock he returned to the lobby partially dressed and requested that a physician be sent for. He died before one arrived.

Local high school team and the Kansas City Central basketball team will play at the rink tonight.

The Santa Fe claims that it is impossible to get five women's hats in a trunk. If the matter comes before any jury they will decide the same.

On March 12, the Central Y. M. C. A. basketball team will clash with the Kansas City Y. M. C. A. A. Five in the Central Association gymnasium.

The plans which have been drawn up for the new home of the Y. W. C. A. have been completed. Bids will be called for this week for the erection of the structure.

The 90 foot crane at the Mills building has been repaired, and the steel construction work has been renewed. The "woodpeckers" are riveting in the meantime.

Chief Eaton was arrested. This sounds wrong—but it is true. It should be a warning to all men and public officials who suddenly have an inclination to take a whack at poor reporters.

Scot from the chimney set fire to a two-story dwelling house at 220 Beacon street, about 8 o'clock last evening. About \$20 damage was done to the roof before the fire companies were able to extinguish the flames.

The work on the Central avenue bridge is progressing so slowly that the people are preparing to send a grievance committee to the county commissioners. Traffic over the bridge was abandoned last December.

It is possible that a Concordia firm which manufactures bridge bits will remove to Topeka. Linzy Hicks, inventor of the bit, was in Topeka and seemed very favorably impressed with it as a place to factory erection.

At the First Congregational church tonight a Sunday school entertainment will take place. Each class will have a part in the program. One class of young men will take off the city "dads." Some sensational stunts are expected. It has been decided that the Topeka schools are the best in the state. This has never been doubted. In criticizing the other schools the club women have included all of the schools in Kansas as well as the Topeka halls of learning.

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the auspices of the Provident Association. Fifteen lots have already been leased to poor people.

The streets and walks committee of the city council is out this afternoon looking after crematory sites and inspecting physical conditions. A meeting will be held tonight for the purpose of discussing all propositions referred to them by the council in past meetings.

The \$50,000 hospital which Dr. H. H. Keith has for some time been contemplating building, will likely be put up some time during the fall. It will be in readiness for occupancy by the spring of 1911. The old hospital at the corner of Clay and Sixth street which was sold some time ago, has been closed.

A Family Trait.—Ascum—I see there's some talk upon the question of abolishing capital punishment. Would you vote to abolish it? Logie—No, sir; capital punishment was good enough for my ancestors, and it's good enough for me.—Presbyterian Standard.

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